



# Permaculture Projects

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## Urban 4 - Cold temperate climate. Small garden, home business, spiritual needs. Family of 2-4

### What the clients got:

1. Interviews and site walk to determine priorities, needs, skills and resources.
2. Advice on siting of the yurt. Advice on how to prepare the site, trim existing boundary trees for light access and to reduce weed growth and mosquitoes in damper areas.
3. Concept plan to settle the placement of yurt and surrounding growing beds

### Design intent

The concept was to make a welcoming meditative walk along the path to the yurt (used for meditation and art), to make a seasonal space and create an organised layout for the yard that could be developed over time. The plan included plenty of flowering, fruiting and edible and medicinal plants.

Before	After
	
<p>This garden had a natural abundance due to its sheltered microclimate and the use of biodynamic principles for soil fertility.</p> <p>Even in its messy natural state it had a peaceful quality. The clients planned to build a yurt (for yoga and meditation consultancy) in the site near the small gum. I helped with siting the yurt for best access and views. The other design aspects related to simplifying composting and siting garden beds for sun access and seasonal growth.</p>	<p>6 months after the yurt installation, the clients had worked very hard on creating the beds, planting and nurturing the space. Already the yurt felt as if it had been there a long time. Medicinal and edible herbs were planted at the front of the yurt. (blue arrows on photo and plan mark the same place).</p>

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Also part of the concept plan was creating beautiful spaces in the large shed and within the front and side gardens to draw the family out of the house creating outdoor rooms. Run-off was resolved by suggesting some shallow swales along contour draining into vegetable planted areas.

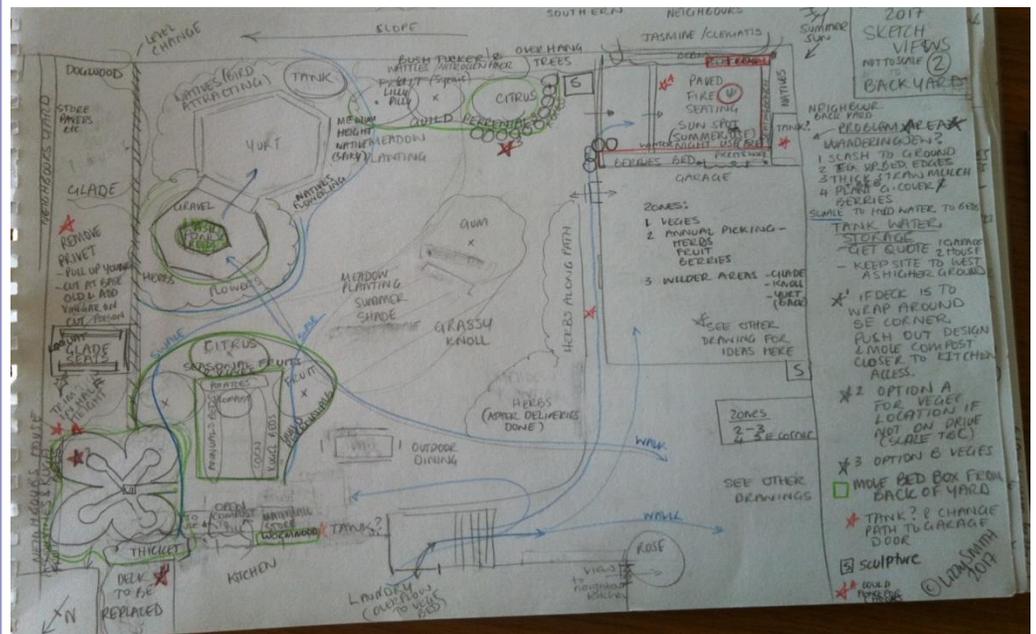
A north facing section of the garage area was rejuvenated as a 'chill space' for the parents or teens living in the house.



Privet had taken over the back SW corner which was potentially a lovely cool summer's grove area otherwise.

The privet had been removed to reclaim the back corner area for a cool summer glade.

### Concept Plan



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